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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HIDEAKI OHSHIMA, et al.) Examiner: J. Brier
Application No.: 09/176,274) Group Art Unit: 2672
Filed: October 21, 1998)
For: IMAGE PROCESSING)
APPARATUS AND METHOD,)
AND COMPUTER-READABLE)
MEMORY : December 10, 2002

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

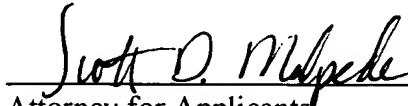
Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 10, 2002 for three months from September 10, 2002 to December 10, 2002.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$920.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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